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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

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1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the appropriate fee for a one-month extension of time;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
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5. One (1) return postcard.

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